

This is what politicians really think of young recruits:

- >> The minimum wage for privates in the British army serving in Iraq in February was £13,000.
- >> An independent assessment of the training of recruits, after the deaths of four young recruits at Deepcut barracks in Surrey, found a culture of widespread bullying, sexual harassment and racism, with conditions in some barracks little better than slums.
- >> Suicide among men under the age of 20 in the army is 1.7 times higher than civilians of the same age.

And if you come back alive, do they care?

Hundreds of British soldiers are expected to be sacked because wounds or injuries suffered in Iraq have left them unfit for frontline service. Up to 2000 veterans have been permanently medically downgraded and many are being assessed for compulsory discharge.

Don't join the army

Army commanders have admitted that young people have started questioning whether to join the army, because of Iraq. Also, parents are refusing sign consent forms to sign up junior soldiers. Don't join the army, get out before 6 months if you're in, and your mates too.

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At Ease 28 Commercial Street Aldgate East London E1 6LS, 020 7247 5164 (Sundays 5pm-7pm only) A free, totally independent, confidential (callers don't have to give their names) advice service for members of the Armed Forces, including Reservists, and their families, including legal advice on Conscientious objection to war on principle.

Military Families Against the War. An organisation of people directly affected by the war in Iraq. All have relatives and loved ones that are members of the British Armed Services. They are opposed to the continuing involvement of UK soldiers and call on Tony Blair to withdraw the troops immediately.

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